

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to express support for the designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of designating a route for Interstate 69 through West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 69 has been approved to follow the corridor of U.S. Highway 51, through Obion and Dyer counties; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State Route 22 is constructed as an interstate-grade freeway from east of Martin to the interchange of that highway with U.S. Highway 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor designated for the location of Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the existing highway as an interstate highway link will require no construction of new highway miles, as State Route 22 is already engineered as an interstate-grade highway; and

WHEREAS, such a designation would provide Everett-Stewart Airport, a facility shared by Weakley and Obion counties and a part of the federal transportation system, with a federal highway link; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Martin is the State of Tennessee's higher education institution for Northwest Tennessee, and a federal interstate highway link to Martin would be in the interest of the institution and Northwest Tennessee residents; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County is presently without a designated highway on the federal interstate system and is served by only one federal route, U.S. Highway 45E, which is a north-

south corridor; the designation of State Route 22 would provide the county with an east-to-west federal highway corridor; and

WHEREAS, the designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City as an interstate highway link would be in the best interests of the welfare and economic prosperity of all Weakley County residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that in furtherance of economic and community development and the future of the City of Martin, Weakley County, and the surrounding Region, this General Assembly hereby expresses its unqualified support for the designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly hereby directs the Tennessee Department of Transportation to assist in assuring State Route 22 from Martin to Union City is designated as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the following persons: the Honorable Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee; the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Transportation; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Federal Highway Administrator; and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.